Annual Report 2025/26

Information on the Organisation of the Council:

Councillors: As of March 2026, your Community Cllrs were:

Hirwaun	Penderyn
Cllr Adam Rogers (Chair)	Cllr Colin Woodley
Cllr Eryl O'Neill (Vice Chair)	Cllr Margaret Amos
Cllr James Woodward	Vacant Position 2
Cllr Adrian Harford	Vacant Position 3
Cllr Ceri Woodley	
Cllr Karen Morgan	
Cllr Marguerite Courtney-Solbach	
Cllr Tony Biella	
Cllr Zoe Goss	
Vacant Position 1	

Allowances: 10 Cllrs opted out of receiving their Statutory Allowances for this financial year. 4 Cllrs accepted their allowance.

Sub Committees/Working Groups:

Cllrs sit on the following Community Council committees/working groups:
Finance Committee
Staffing Committee
Staffing Appeals Committee
Standing Orders Working Group
Grass Verge Working Group
Climate Emergency
Defibrillator Working Group
Road Safety Working Group
Litter Champions

Cllrs attend the following external meetings:
Waterfalls Partnership Committee
Penderyn Quarry Liaison Group
Minor Authority Representative – Hirwaun Primary School
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One Voice Wales Area Committee Meetings

Management Committee/Trustees – Hirwaun Village Hall
RCT Community Liaison Committee Meeting
Neighbourhood Network Meeting

Basic Financial Information:

You will find the Annual Return and External Auditors report on our website.

Relationship with Principal Council:

The Community Council has signed a Charter agreement with Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council whilst recognising our respective responsibilities as autonomous, democratically elected statutory bodies which sets out how we aim to work together for the benefit of the local communities.

Resident Complaints:

Complaints from residents are brought to the attention of Cllrs at full council meetings and forwarded onto the relevant body.

Community Council Activities:

Key Council objectives for the year:

To enhance the village for its residents.

Assets and Services:

The Community Council owns The Old Fire Station which is leased to The Garden Society for the benefit of the community.

Activities/Events/Projects:

We carried out the following activities last year:

Christmas Painting Competition
Seed Bomb Making
Hirwaun & Penderyn in Bloom
Easter Eggs for Schools
Kids Paper Flower Windmill Making
Christmas Card Appeal
VE Day 80 Service
VJ Day 80 Service
Remembrance Day Parade
Walking Festival
Spring Clean Cymru
Village Green Project
Litter picking in Penderyn in partnership with Penderyn Primary School

Services Provided:

Flower Baskets for both villages
Christmas Lights for both villages
Daffodil bulbs for residents
Maintaining the planters in both villages
Litter Hub
Welcome to Hirwaun Signage x2

Community Council Campaigns:

Think! – Traffic issue reporting
Butterfly Emergency
Water Sources for Bees
Cllrs on the Buses

External Events Attended:

Poppy Stand Tesco Aberdare
Merthyr Cynon Foodbank Tesco Aberdare
Monumental Welsh Women Elizabeth Andrews Portrait Unveiling
Meadow Street Community Garden, Pontypridd
Celtic Wildflowers, Pellergaer
Butterfly Conservation Cymru, Penderyn
Penderyn War Memorial Dedication Ceremony

Grants applied for:

RCT Shared Prosperity Fund - £715.00 – Summer Activities Micro Grant

Grants given out:

Penderyn Community Centre - £250.00 – Community Christmas Lunch
Cylch Meithrin Penderyn - £87.50 – Christmas Selection Boxes
Forces Fitness - £200 – Health & Wellbeing Day

Priorities:

Planned activities:
We will continue with our environmental projects which aim to improve the village, and our environment. These include providing flower baskets and planters, spring bulbs, Seed Bomb Making and litter picks. We will also continue to liaise with RCT to campaign the changing of their mowing practices and to improve our green spaces.
We will continue to work with Action for Hirwaun and Hirwaun Historical Society to complete our Village Green Project, where we plan to improve the pathways and to install signage at our Village Green.
We will continue to provide Christmas lighting, and to organise the Remembrance Day parade.
Subject to grant funding:
We aim to continue with our Arcway project to install information boards and benches on the mineral line.
We aim to install new Welcome to Penderyn signs, along with the last Welcome to Hirwaun sign.
Future budget requirements: These will be met via our precept and grant funding.

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